

(d) As informed by HRD Ministry, no instance of corruption in the discretionary quota of Minister of Human Resource Development has come to the notice of that Ministry. The CVC has also not dealt with any such case.

Cases pending with CBI

344. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly ten thousand cases are pending with CBI for trial;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that in many corruption cases pertaining to Government officers; sanction for prosecution has not been given by Government;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether there is any time-frame set for giving sanction for prosecution; and
- (e) the action being taken by Government for speedy disposal of pending cases awaiting trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As on 31.01.2007, 8219 cases were undertrial as per details given below.

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| (i) For less than 5 years | 4320 cases |
| (ii) More than 5 and less than 10 years | 1960 cases |
| (iii) More than 10 and less than 15 years | 1168 cases |
| (iv) More than 15 and less than 20 years | 526 cases |
| (v) More than 20 years | 245 cases |

The accused chargesheeted by the CBI generally exhausts all the possible avenues available under the criminal justice system to prolong trial proceedings. Further, a large number of witnesses/documents are required to be examined by the courts during trial which takes time.

(c) As per information made available by the CBI, during the period from 1.1.2005 to 30.9.2006, sanction for prosecution was sought in 802 cases out of which the sanction was refused in 15 cases; and in 6 cases involving more than one public servants, sanction for prosecution was refused in respect of a few of the public servants in each case.

(d) The competent authority is required to examine each case on merits before deciding whether or not a *prima facie* case has been made out for grant of sanction for prosecution within the prescribed time frame.

(e) Government has set up Special Courts in various States exclusively for trial of CBI cases.

Complaints received by the Ministry

345. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Ministry regarding public grievances and pensions during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of complaints pending and disposed of during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A statement containing the number of complaints regarding public grievances and pensions received in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and in the Department of Pensions respectively during the past 3 years, State-wise is placed at Statement (See below).

(b) After scrutiny of the complaints the same are forwarded to the State Governments concerned under intimation to the complainants for immediate redressal of the grievances. On the basis of their gravity and seriousness certain grievances are also closely monitored by this Department. Directions have been issued to all States to redress grievances of citizens within a period of two months and also to give a reasoned reply within the period, if grievances cannot be redressed. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Department of Pensions received 4404, 5142 and 7603 number of